BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against GORDON E. JANSSEN d/b/a JANSSEN CHARTERS & TOURS, in the Amount of \$200

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO JANSSEN CHARTERS' APPLICATION FOR MITIGATION

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-370(1)(c), Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission Staff) submits this response¹ to Janssen Charters' Application for Mitigation.

On February 23, 2009, the Commission assessed a penalty of \$100 against Gordon E. Janssen d/b/a Janssen Charters & Tours (Janssen Charters) for violating WAC 480-30-071. Janssen Charters filed an Application for Mitigation on March 2, 2009. Commission Staff supports Janssen Charters' Application for Mitigation for the reasons set forth in the attached declaration of Sheri Hoyt.

DATED this 23rd day of March, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Please note that this response does not come from the Commission but from Commission Staff. Commission Staff is a party in this case and is separate from the Commission. The Commission will be the ultimate decision maker in this matter. An Administrative Law Judge will consider Janssen Charters' statements and Commission Staff's statements and will issue a decision. The Commission may accept, modify, or reject that decision.